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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Official Action dated December 10, 2008 and the Notice of Appeal dated May 11, 2009, the applicant(s) submit herewith a request for continued examination (RCE) and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. In addition, the applicant(s) have petitioned for a one (1) month extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including August 11, 2009.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a marked-up version of a substitute specification in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.125(b) and (c) [**Appendix A**], a clean version of a substitute specification in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.125(b) and (c) [**Appendix B**], is attached following page 18 of this paper.